



Evaluation of the Antibacterial Activity of Green Synthesized Selenium Nanoparticles

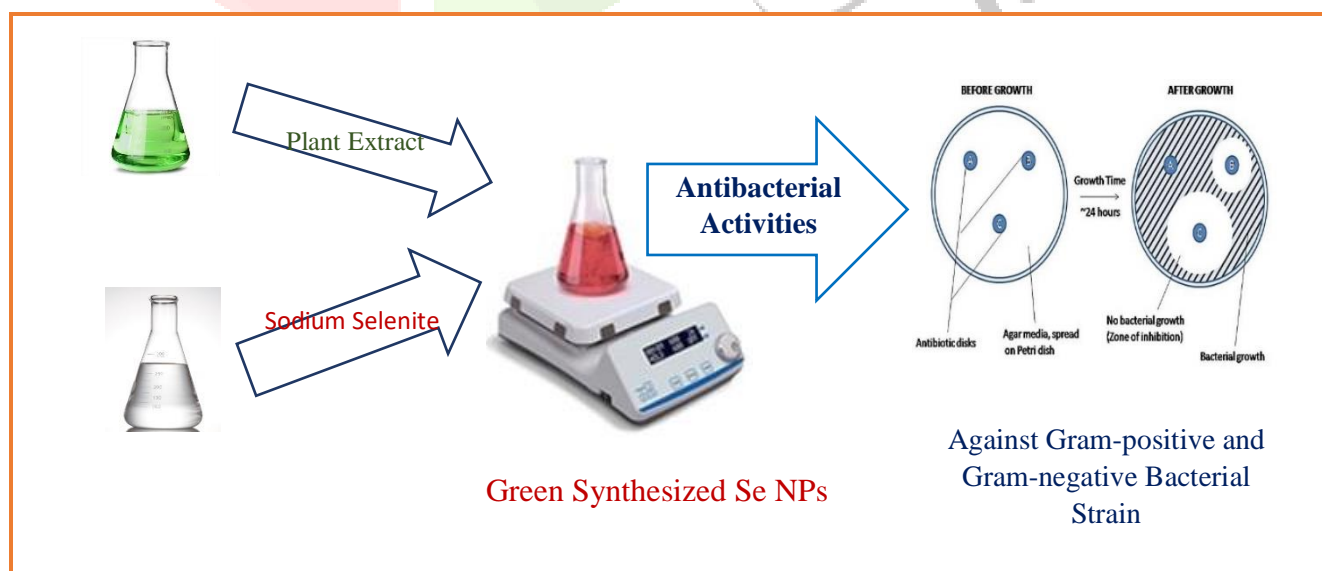
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Abstract:

Green synthesis of selenium nanoparticles (Se-NPS) was done using plant extract in place of the capping and reducing agent and sodium selenite (Na_2SeO_3) as the selenium source. UV-Vis spectrum confirmed the formation of Se-NPs in the solution. The average particle size was estimated at nm according to the XRD pattern. The TEM shows the shape of Se-NPs. Antibacterial effects were observed against bacterial strains, including *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus mutans*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Based on the outcomes, the nanoparticles displayed stronger antibacterial activities towards the Gram-positive bacteria. This review article focuses on the bactericidal significance of such kinds of activities.

Keyword: Green synthesis, Selenium nanoparticles, plant extract, antibacterial activities



Introduction

Nanotechnology is a multidisciplinary research area with the potential to revolutionize several research fields, including medicine and biotechnologies. Current nanotechnology is involved in several emerging biomedical applications^{1,2}. Nanotechnology is rapidly emerging in many fields such as food, agriculture, industry, medicine, electronics, drug delivery, therapeutics, and diagnostics. It is also considerable that nanoparticles can act as a carrier for antibiotics, vaccines, and adjuvants. Small sizes (about 1 to 100 nm) possess an increased surface area to volume ratio that results in a high biological activity and can enhance the interactions with microbial cells. Due to the misuse and overuse of antibiotics, as well as mutation, pollution, and changing environmental conditions, the exceedresistance to traditional medicines by microorganisms has become a threat to the global healthcare system³. The biosynthesis of nanoparticles using biological entities plant, bacteria, fungi, yeast, and algae emerges as sustainable, low cost, green substitute, and very well established^{4,5}. Nanomaterials have been processed synthesized using various physical and chemical methods, separately from this green synthesis. To compare the three methods of synthesis, biological synthesis is the most inexpensive in nano-research and additional significant than the physical and chemical synthesis of nanoparticles, flagging the way for a new age of bio-nanotechnology⁶. Nowadays, the green synthesis of nanoparticles is being extensively explored because of their wide range of applicability and comparatively low toxicity beneficial for biomedical applications. Green synthesis of selenium nanoparticles (SeNPs) using different plant extracts is being done for discovering their activity in different biological fields. Because of their wide range of biological interactions, green synthesized SeNPs capped with bioactive Phyto molecules are widely investigated for their antimicrobial activity against human pathogenic or phytopathogenic bacteria as well as fungus^{7,8}. Besides, the development of a multidrug-resistant pattern among pathogens in general and aquatic pathogens, in particular, has raised the demand for a potential substitute for regularly used antibiotics. Hence, this study was intended to synthesize selenium nanoparticles in a green path method from sodium selenite salt by using the plant extract and to evaluate their antibacterial activity^{9,10}.

Biological Applications of Selenium Nanoparticles

	<i>Plants</i>	<i>Morphology of Se NPs</i>	<i>Size of Se NPs (nm)</i>	<i>Biological Applications</i>	<i>Refs.</i>
1	<i>Aloe vera</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	125	<i>Antibacterial and Antifungal</i>	1
2	<i>Allium sativum</i>	<i>Hollow and Spherical</i>	7-45	<i>Antimicrobial and Antibacterial</i>	2
3	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	30.7	<i>Antibacterial</i>	3
4	<i>Aspergillus flavus and Candida albicans</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	51.5	<i>Antifungal</i>	4
5	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	<i>Spherical and Smooth</i>	~153 - ~278	<i>Antibacterial</i>	5
6	<i>Azolla pinnata</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	36.45	<i>Antimicrobial and Antioxidant</i>	6
7	<i>Annona muricata</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	120-160	<i>Antioxidant and Antimicrobial</i>	7
8	<i>Brassica oleracea (Broccoli)</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	10-25	<i>Antioxidant and Anticarcinogenic</i>	8
9	<i>Blumea axillaris</i>	<i>Spherical (Aggregated)</i>	248.1	<i>Antibiotic and Antibacterial</i>	9
10	<i>Cassia auriculata</i>	<i>Face Centered Cubic</i>	10-20	<i>Antibacterial activity, Antihelminthic potential, Antipyretic Activity</i>	10
11	<i>Citrus delizioso (Kinnow)</i>	<i>Spherical, Cylindrical, Rectangular</i>	40-100	<i>Antibacterial and Antioxidant</i>	11
12	<i>Ceropegia bulbosa Roxb</i>	<i>Uniform Spherical</i>	55.9	<i>Antibacterial and Anticancer</i>	12
13	<i>Capparis decidua</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	5-25	<i>Antibacterial</i>	13
14	<i>Clausena dentata</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	46.32-78.88	<i>Insecticidal</i>	14
15	<i>Clove and Cinnamon</i>	<i>Spherical and Square</i>	40-90	<i>Antibacterial, Antifungal</i>	15

				<i>nd Cytotoxic evaluation</i>	
16	<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	140-150	<i>Anti-Inflammatory and Antioxidant</i>	16
17	<i>Dillenia indica</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	248	<i>Antibacterial</i>	17
18	<i>Diospyros Montana</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	4-60	<i>Antimicrobial</i>	18
19	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	29-195	<i>Ant staphylococcal</i>	19
20	<i>Ephedra aphylla</i>	<i>Spherical and Tetragonal</i>	13.95-26.26	<i>Antimicrobial, Anticancer, Antibacterial, and Antioxidant</i>	20
21	<i>Enicostemaaxillare</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	56.23-98.18	<i>Antibacterial and Anticancer (against lung cancer cell --A549)</i>	21
22	<i>Emblica Officinalis</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	15-40	<i>Antimicrobial and Antioxidant</i>	22
23	<i>Fenugreek seed</i>	<i>Oval</i>	50-150	<i>Anticancer (breast cancer)</i>	23
24	<i>Gliocladiumroseum</i>	<i>Spherical, Hexagonal crystalline</i>	20-80	<i>Antifungal</i>	24
25	<i>Glycosmis pentaphylla</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	Below 100	<i>Antibacterial and Antioxidant</i>	25
26	<i>Hawthorn fruit</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	113	<i>Antitumor</i>	26
27	<i>Hibiscussabdariffa (roselle plant)</i>	<i>spherical, triangular, and hexagonal</i>	20-50	<i>Antioxidant</i>	27
28	<i>Juglans regia L.(Walnut)</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	150	<i>Antibacterial</i>	28
29	<i>Leucas lavaldulifolia</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	56-75	<i>Antibacterial</i>	29
30	<i>Moringa oleifera (Drumstick)</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	23-35	<i>Inhibition of CaCO-2 HePG-2 and Mcl-7 cell</i>	30
31	<i>Orthosiphon stamineus(Java tree leaves)</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	88-141	<i>Cytotoxicity against L6 Cell</i>	31
32	<i>Pelargonium zonale</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	40-60	<i>Antibacterial and Antifungal</i>	32
33	<i>Peltophorumpterocarpum</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	400	<i>Anticancer and Crop biofortification agent</i>	33
34	<i>Punica granatum</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	20-60	<i>Antimicrobial and</i>	34

				<i>Antioxidant</i>	
35	<i>Psidium guajava</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	8-20	<i>Antibacterial</i>	35
36	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	20-40	<i>Antimicrobial And Antibacterial</i>	36
37	<i>Theobroma cacao L.</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	1-3	<i>Antioxidant</i>	37
38	<i>Urtica dioica (stinging nettle)</i>	<i>Spherical</i>		<i>Anticancer, Antifungal, and Antibacterial</i>	38
39	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	5-20	<i>Caping agent</i>	39
40	<i>Withaniasomnifera</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	45-90	<i>Antioxidant, Antibacterial, and Antiproliferative</i>	40
41	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	<i>Spherical</i>	100- 150	<i>Antibacterial and Antioxidant</i>	41

Green Synthesis and Characterization of Selenium Nanoparticles

The most selected portion of the plant to leave, bud, fruit, peel, nuts, seed, or pulp was washed roughly with deionized water, dried in shade & grided in a mortar and then boiled in deionized water. Sometimes in other procedures, the continuous stirring condition without heating was applied. After this process, the solution was filtered or centrifuged and the collected liquid part was used in the experiments. Plant extract exists by using different types of plants and their different parts as well as time and extraction temperature.

The formation of selenium nanoparticles in the reaction media was analyzed by diluting small aliquots of the sample with sterile distilled water using a UV-visible spectrophotometer. After the complete reduction, the reaction media were centrifuged at 15000 rpm for 10 min and the aliquots were undergone repeated centrifugations using deionized water. Scanning Electron Microscope coupled with Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy was used to assess the shape and percentage of the synthesized selenium nanoparticles correspondingly. Transmission Electron Microscopic (TEM) measurements were made to find out the exact size and nature of the synthesized selenium nanoparticles. A Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) particle size analyzer was used to obtain the exact values of the mean particle size, Zeta potential and Polydispersity Index (PDI) for the synthesized Se NPs.

Result and Discussion

Selenium nanoparticles (SeNPs) were synthesized from plant extract is an environmentally friendly, biocompatible, non-toxic, and practical technique. The bioactive phytochemicals from the plant extract acting as a capping agent block the accumulation of the nanoparticles and modify their biological activities. The synthesized SeNPs found nano in size (7-400 nm), typically spherical in shape, and highly stable. The synthesized SeNPs exhibited potential antibacterial activity and possibly will be used as an antibacterial agent in the biomedical field. Also, SeNPs exhibits anti-cancer, anti-fungal, antimicrobial and antioxidant activities. Among, SeNPs have expanded inclusive attraction due to their detailed medicinal, chemical, biological and pharmaceutical properties. Hence this study was focused on the green synthesis of SeNPs from plant extracts and the valuation of its antibacterial activity against certain specific primary and secondary pathogenic bacteria.

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